
Acting – Duo/Group Scene

A duo is defined as a performance for two players. A group scene is defined as a performance for three to 16 players. In each case, every participant must be actively involved in the scene chosen for performance.

In Acting – Duo/Group Scene, the skills measured are:

- Use of transitions into and out of character
- Ability to create a believable character
- Communication of objective, tactics, and relationships
- Use of focus and concentration
- Integration of voice, body, movement, and staging

In a Duo/Group Scene performance, the entrants must follow these guidelines:

- Begin with an introduction (slating). The introduction must include only:
 - The entrant's name
 - Title of selection
 - Name of the playwright(s)
 - Troupe number (optional)
- Remain within strict time limits:
 - After the introduction (slating), time begins with the first word or acting action (if it precedes the first word).
 - Duo/group scenes are not to exceed 5 minutes.
- Appropriate material:
 - Each participant must be actively involved in the scene
 - Prior to the event, validate the material using the guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable material (found on page 4 of this guide)
- Entrants will present themselves as a blank slate, refraining from clothing or accessories that distract from the character. Follow strict limits on clothing and props:
 - Props (including hand-held props), costumes, or theatrical makeup are not allowed.
 - For duo acting, two chairs may be safely used.
 - For group acting, one table and up to six chairs may be safely used.
 - Entrants must wear all black. **Clothing and shoes must be all black.** Any visible color, including white, will result in a disqualification.
 - Clothing should be appropriate to the situation yet allow easy movement for the actors to accommodate the action of the performance.
 - Entrants should refrain from wearing anything that might distract the adjudicators.
 - Failure to follow any of the guidelines in this document will result in a disqualification.
- Follow COVID-19 safety guidelines:
 - If performing in the same space and actors are six feet apart, masks are not required.
 - If performing in the same space and actor are less than six feet apart, masks are required.